

In the Claims:

The following is a list of claims currently pending in this application and their current status. This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings in this application.

1. (Currently amended) A process for allowing a viewer at a TV display to bypass undesired segments of a TV program, including ~~comprising the steps of~~:
 - a. storing one or more TV programs containing a first class of metadata including a start location and a stop location of potentially undesired segments;
 - b. retrieving one of the TV programs for display;
 - c. defining, with a second class of metadata, unwanted segments specific to the user of said TV display,
 - d. matching the first class of metadata with the second class of metadata;
~~and~~
 - e. removing, responsive to matching the first class of metadata with the second class of metadata, undesired segments from the TV program; and
 - f. reimbursing program suppliers for a financial loss occasioned by removed material.
2. (Currently amended) The process as set forth in claim 1, further including ~~comprising the step of~~ time shifting two or more programs^{[[7]]} to fill time space resulting from removing the undesired segments from the TV program.
- 3-4. (Cancelled)
5. (Currently amended) An apparatus for removing unwanted TV material comprising:
 - a shared personal video recorder (PVR) network server at a distribution system head end, said PVR network server for storing multiple TV programs with one or more TV programs containing TV metadata;
 - a specific program delivered to a specific TV display, with the specific program having stored metadata defining unwanted program segments; ~~and~~

a processor ~~for comparing~~ and logic coupled to the shared personal video recorder network server adapted to compare the TV metadata with the stored metadata ~~by removing~~ and to remove undesired program segments from the specific program including the unwanted TV material; and

further logic adapted to cause reimbursement of a program supplier for financial loss from removal of the undesired program segments from the specific program.

6. (Currently amended) The apparatus as set forth in claim 5, wherein the logic to remove undesired program segments is further adapted to ~~further comprising means~~ time shift~~[[ing]]~~ two or more programs~~[[,]]~~ to fill time space resulting from removing undesired segments from the TV program.

7. (Currently amended) The apparatus as set forth in claim 5 further including logic adapted to record and report viewer decisions to automatically remove undesired program segments ~~bookkeeping means, for charging a viewer for costs, including reimbursing a program supplier for a financial loss from removing the undesired program segments.~~

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently amended) An apparatus for removing unwanted TV material comprising:

personal video recorder (PVR) server ~~means, located at a distribution system head end, for storing~~ that stores multiple TV programs with one or more such programs containing TV metadata;

a specific program delivered to a specific TV display, with the specific program having stored metadata defining unwanted program segments; and

a processor ~~for comparing~~ and logic coupled to the shared personal video recorder network server adapted to compare the TV metadata with the stored metadata ~~by removing~~ and to remove undesired program segments from the specific program including the unwanted TV material; and

further logic adapted to cause reimbursement of a program supplier for financial loss from removal of the undesired program segments from the specific

program.

10. (Currently amended) The apparatus as set forth in claim 9, wherein the logic to remove undesired program segments is further adapted to ~~further comprising means~~ time shift~~[[ing]]~~ two or more programs~~[[.]]~~ to fill time space resulting from removing undesired segments from the TV program.

11. (Currently amended) The apparatus as set forth in claim 9 further including logic adapted to record and report viewer decisions to automatically remove undesired program segments ~~bookkeeping means, for charging a viewer for costs, including reimbursing a program supplier for a financial loss from removing the undesired program segments.~~

12. (Cancelled)